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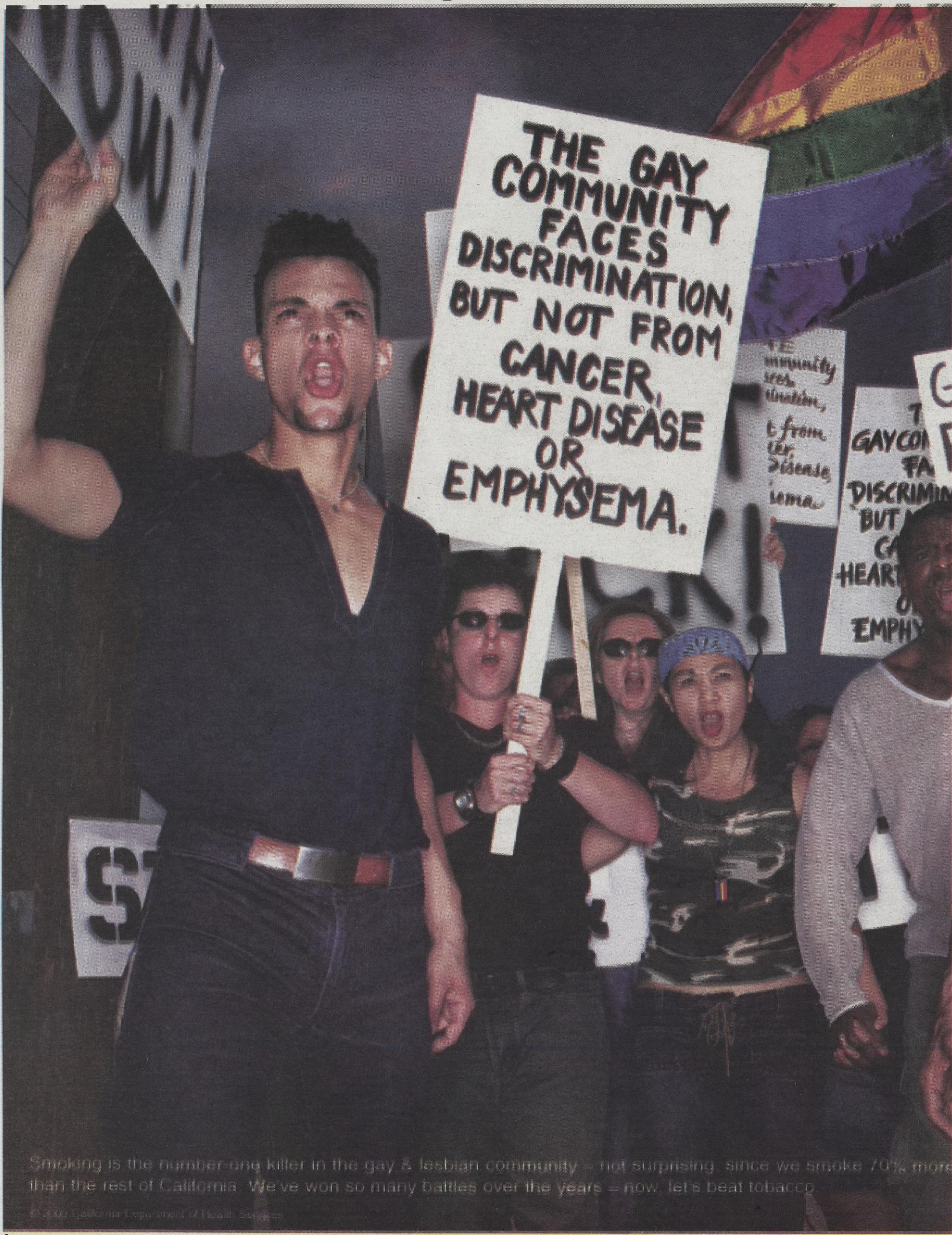
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Bush Pushes Marriage Amendment

President George W. Bush clearly endorsed a Federal Marriage Amendment banning same-sex marriages in the United States.

As justification for his stance, President Bush said, "The union of a man and a woman is the most enduring human institution, honored and encouraged in all cultures and by every religious faith. Marriage cannot be severed from its cultural, religious and natural roots without weakening the good influence of society."

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's recent decision granting marriage rights to same-sex couples, and San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom's decision two weeks ago to begin giving marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples both influenced Bush's decision.

Bush has been under pressure from social conservatives to come out in favor of such an amendment, several versions of which are floating around Capitol Hill.

Bush's comments were swift-



President Bush addressing the Union

ly condemned by Democratic Party leaders as an attempt to write discrimination into the Constitution, and by a gay civil rights group as gay-bashing.

"It is wrong to write discrimination into the U.S. Constitution, and it is shameful to use attacks against gay and lesbian families as an election strategy," stated DNC Chairman Terry McAuliffe.

Cheryl Jacques, president of the Human Rights Campaign, said such an amendment would have broader ramifications than the ones Bush described.

"Leading constitutional law scholars have come out and said that what the president is supporting...would indeed strike at the heart of any state's ability to pass domestic partnership benefits [and] civil unions," Jaques stated.

A CNN poll taken February 24, 2004 showed that, out of over 400,000 internet users surveyed, 58% preferred no change to the constitution while 42% would support a ban on same-sex marriage. ▼

Minister Facing Church Trial for Being Homosexual

By Maggie Brown
MGW Staff

When the Rev. Karen Dammann faces a March 17 church trial in Seattle for being a lesbian, a cluster of United Methodist supporters will stand quietly beside her.

At Rev. Dammann's request, the trial will be open and not held behind closed doors..

"The practice of discrimination is incompatible with Christian teachings," said Larry Fox, convener of the region's Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN). Since 1984, the UMC has banned the appointment of gay men and lesbians as clergy. The specifics of the ban and other matters of church doctrine are detailed in the UMC's Book of Discipline.

Rev. Dammann is believed to be only the second UMC clergy person ever to face a church trial on the charge of being a "self-avowed practicing homosexual." The Rev. Rose Mary Denman was tried in the New Hampshire Annual Conference in 1988. She lost the case and subsequently transferred to another denomination.

"We want the church to live up to its motto, Open Hearts,

Open Minds, Open Doors," said Fox of Langley UMC, located on Whidbey Island.

"We plan to stand by Rev. Dammann in strong and loving support of her and her family and as witnesses to her faith. We hope this trial signals the start of a time when Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender members will have full participation in the United Methodist Church and that their stories of faith will be heard and honored."

RMN is a national grassroots organization working to enable full participation of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in the life of the United Methodist Church (UMC), both in policy and practice. RMN is a growing movement of United Methodist individuals, congregations, campus ministries, and other groups.

Fox pointed out that the Book of Discipline is in conflict with itself. With the exception of two sentences that ban clergy from being homosexual, the Discipline calls for inclusivity and equal rights for sexual minorities.

He quoted from a section of

the Discipline that reads: "Inclusiveness denies every semblance of discrimination. The mark of an inclusive society is one in which all persons are open, welcoming, fully accepting and supporting of all other persons, enabling them to participate fully in the life of the church, the community and the world."

The trial court, to be convened as a jury of her clergy peers, will render a verdict on the charges and, if appropriate, determine any penalty. The most severe would be removing her credentials as a minister.

The trial of Rev. Dammann will not settle the larger issue of homosexuality for the United Methodist Church. That will continue to be debated at the denomination's worldwide law and policy making body, the thousand-member General Conference, meeting April 27 - May 7 in Pittsburgh.

The Reconciling Ministries Network again expects to be a major presence there, witnessing to their commitment that the United Methodist Church must become fully inclusive. ▼

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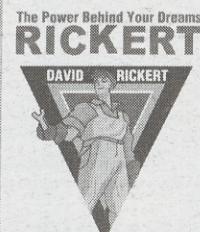
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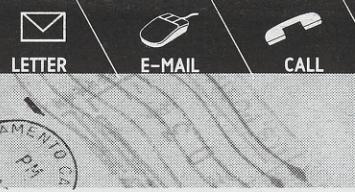
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Federal Marriage Amendment Equals Discrimination

The following letter was sent to President George W. Bush

Mr. President:

While I respect the position of the office you hold, I am deeply disturbed by your attempt to amend the Constitution of the United States. Banning same sex marriages is discrimination no matter how you look at it. Allowing same sex couples to marry and enjoy the same privileges as their heterosexual counterparts in NO WAY threatens the institution of marriage. Marriage should be allowed between two consenting adults, regardless of their sex. Marriage should be based on the fact that two people love one another and have committed their lives to caring for each other. There is such a thing as separation of church and state, and because of that, religion cannot be a factor in deciding who can and cannot legally marry.

There was a time in our nations history that interracial couples could not legally marry, and now looking back, that seems ridiculous.

This is the same thing! Preventing an entire group of citizens from being allowed a basic right, based on their sexual orientation, is discrimination. How can you, as the president of the United States of America, deny individuals the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness just because you don't agree with the person they love? It seems absurd to me that you are seriously considering an amendment to the constitution. The constitution was written for EVERY citizen of the United States, not just the heterosexuals. This seems like an attempt for the homophobic members of our society and the politicians that want to play God to, once again, suppress an entire group of citizens because of fear, prejudice and stupidity. I would invite you into my house to see that as one part of a lesbian couple, we are not unlike any other married couple in the United States. We have the same concerns, worries, highs and lows of "marriage" that all married people have. Neither you, nor any other member of this country, should be able to deny me the right to marry the person I love. I hope that you reconsider your most recent decision, and give thought to the millions of same sex couples who live without the same rights that heterosexual couples are entitled to in this country.

Respectfully,
Hope Enders
Sacramento

No More News 10 Bias

To the Editor:

I need to take issue with News 10 biased reporting. According to their headline and their article "the majority of Californians aren't willing to accept marriage between same-sex couples." Yet, the paragraph above this quote cites only "50 percent oppose it." Since when does 50 percent constitute "majority" or "most"? The article and use of the word "majority" is very misleading. 50 percent is half, not "most" nor "majority."

Janet Cornelius
A concerned Sacramento Resident

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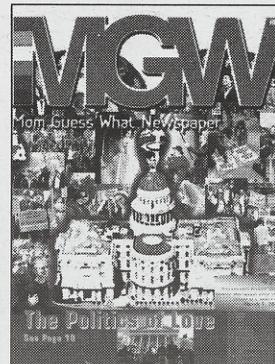
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Study on Police Abuse

OUTfront, an Amnesty International program dedicated to advancing and enforcing the human rights of LGBT persons, is looking into police interactions with LGBT individuals and communities. Part of the project involves gathering stories from the LGBT community about all interactions, good or bad, with law enforcement.

Amnesty International wants to document stories regardless of whether or not the officer or officers involved was aware of or suspected a person's sexual or gender orientation. They are particularly interested in stories from LGBT people of color, youth, sex workers, and transgender individuals who are especially vulnerable to police misconduct.

Complete confidentiality is guaranteed to people who come forward to tell their stories.▼

Info: aiusa.org

ACLU Appeals Florida Gay Adoption Ban

In response to a recent ruling upholding a Florida law that excludes gay people from adopting, the ACLU is asking the US Court of Appeals in Atlanta to rehear the case.

"Sexual identity has nothing to do with a person's ability to parent," said Matt Coles, director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "For the sake of the thousands of children in Florida in need of a home, we hope the court will reconsider."

The ACLU brought the lawsuit in 1998 on behalf of four gay men who wanted to adopt in Florida but were prevented from doing so by the adoption ban.

Two of the three families represented by the ACLU in the case are raising foster children from Florida, but are not permitted to legally adopt the children.▼

Info: aclu.org

Insurance Equality for Domestic Partners

Assembly Bill 2208, the California Insurance Equality Act, introduced by assemblymember Christine Kehoe (D-San Diego), will ensure that domestic partners are provided equal insurance coverage when coverage is provided to spouses.

"While many insurance companies already treat domestic partners equally, it is important that all insurance in California provides for equal treatment and that domestic partners are provided insurance coverage in a non-discriminatory manner,"

Kehoe stated.

According to US Census data, same-sex partners are the heads of at least 100,000 households in California, and as of October 2003, 22,047 same-sex and senior couples were registered as domestic partners.

This bill will cover all types of insurance, including health, life, auto, homeowners, renters, and other insurance. The legislation is sponsored by EQCA and California Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi.▼

Info: eqca.org

Flowers From the Heart(land)

Hundreds of bouquets have been delivered randomly to same-sex couples getting married in San Francisco, thanks to an



Couple Jenna and Kathy displaying the flowers they received.

online campaign urging people around the country, gay, straight or otherwise, to show their support with flowers.

The movement started in Minneapolis, and has gathered people all over the world, surprising and over-

whelming Flowers by the Bay, the San Francisco Rainbow Pride florist that recommended in the campaign. Recipients of the donated bouquets were often confused at first, then overwhelmed by the generous show of support from strangers around the country. Many of the flowers were delivered right to the lines that stretched around City Hall.▼

Info: darrenbarefoot.com/flowers

LA Urged to License Gay Marriages

Assemblymember Paul Kortez (D-West Hollywood) urged the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to start issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples shortly after San Francisco opened their City Hall to gay and lesbian couples.

"Denying same gender couples this right is a violation of the nondiscrimination clause of the California Constitution," Kortez said. "I urge the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to end the unconstitutional discrimination against gay and lesbian couples by authorizing the issuance of marriage licenses to same-gender couples. I also would ask that the County honor the marriages already

conducted in San Francisco."▼

Info: democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a42

2006 El Encuentro Conference

LEGO, the national Latinx/o Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Organization, is calling for community activists throughout the United States and Puerto Rico to submit proposals to host El 110mo Encuentro, scheduled to take place in October 2006.

The biennial conference is the largest gathering of Latino LGBT people from throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and Latin America, attracting more than 1,000 participants.

Potential hosts for the conference need to submit a proposal that includes a host organization or at least seven community members signing on to help with the conference, a working relationship with the local convention bureau or chamber of commerce, and proven fundraising capabilities. The deadline for proposals is April 1, 2004.

El 10mo Encuentro will be held October 7-10 at the Seattle Airport Hilton, in conjunction with COSEA 2004.▼

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Sammy Chu's March 6th Preview

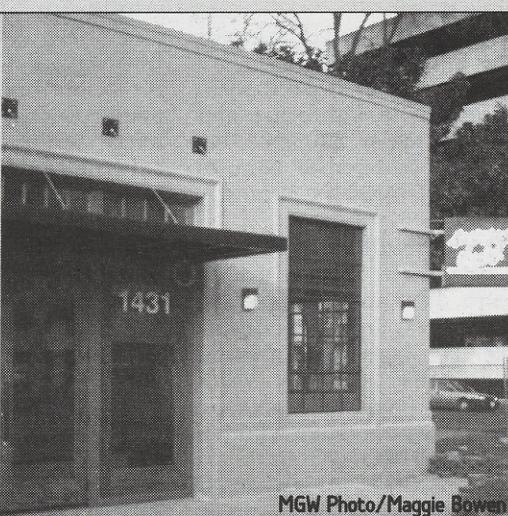
By Maggie Bowen
MGW Staff

Sammy Chu's, Randy Paragary's eagerly awaited new restaurant, will open for dinner on a first come first served basis, Saturday March 6 at 6pm, for that night only. Reservations are now being taken for the official opening on March 8.

Located at 1431 R Street, Sammy Chu's will be the crowning jewel for Paragary's sparkling string of restaurant gems.

Though not officially opened, Sammy Chu's was the site of a successful fundraiser for Heather Fargo on February 21. The restaurant will open to the public for dinner on Monday, March 8. Lunch service will begin thereafter. ▼

Reservations: 669-1400



Sammy Chu's at 1431 R Street, one of the new ventures in the R Street Corridor, will be open for the public on March 6th.

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Queer Studies

By Maggie Bowen
MGW Staff

When Gayatri Gopinath, Assistant Professor for Women and Gender Studies returned from winter vacation, she was not surprised to see that her seminar on Queer Theories, Culture and Politics was packed with interested students. "There appears to be a growing need and interest on the part of the undergraduate student body in this field," writes

at UC Davis Receive Support

Gopinath, "and this seems to be the perfect moment to formalize a curriculum on Queer Studies."

Gopinath, along with two others, has received a grant from the Undergraduate Instructional Improvement Program (UIIP). The purpose of this grant will be to reorganize the existing curriculum of the Women and Gender Studies program to make space for a Sexuality Studies

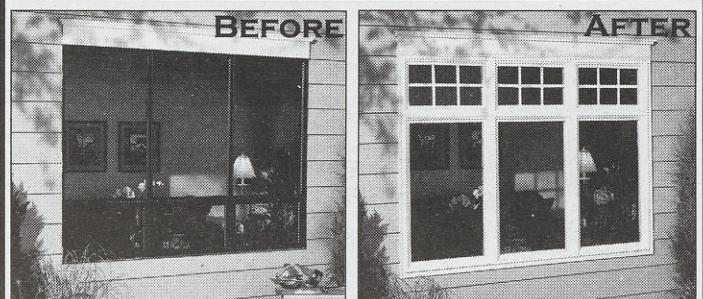
Minor. The grant seeks to work towards this goal as early as this summer, and have the Minor curriculum ready to submit to the Academic Senate by Fall 2004.

UC Davis joins many major universities on the west coast, including Stanford and other University of California (UC) universities in the creation of a Queer Studies Program.

"Issues dealing with sexuality are on the forefront of media, politics, and academia," said Sophomore Angelina Malfitano, who is taking Gayatri's seminar, "and there really needs to be a more comprehensive curriculum to address these issues." ▼

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GLBT Veterans

By Cassandra Davis
MGW Staff

AVER (American Veterans for Equal Rights) chapter is now forming in Sacramento. The national grassroots group promotes "the full and equal rights and equitable treatment for all present and former members of the US Armed Forces."

News of the new chapter falls shortly after the recent press garnering by a number



AMERICAN VETERANS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

of high-ranking former officers of the US Armed Forces who came out opposing the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy in our nation's military in the past two months. AVER reflects a growing number of civilians and military personnel who are fighting for GLBT recognition and inclusion in the US Armed Forces. ▼

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Tattoo-A-Thon Reaches Record Heights

By Cassandra Davis
MGW Staff

Wild Bill's third annual Tattoo-A-Thon on Saturday, February 22nd, raised \$11,603 for the UC Davis Children's Hospital. The ten artists—Kim Forrest, Raleigh, Dennis, Missy, Doug, Josh, Little Raleigh, Harley, Julia, Jackie, and of course, Wild Bill Hill—worked fifteen hours non-stop, and tattooed and pierced 87 people for the cause.

The annual event started when Kim Forrest contributed everything from a 12 hour tattooing and piercing marathon, giving a total of \$1,880 to the Children's

Hospital. Last year, all of the employees chipped in their earnings and tips, and, with the help of radio coverage, brought in \$6,017. This year the Tattoo-A-Thon nearly doubled in size and scope, and was covered on Channel 31, Fox 40 and Channel 3 news before the day was done.

"Without my staff," said Wild Bill Hill, "it never would have happened. You have been hearing Wild Bill over and over again on the radio and TV, but they are the ones who really made this happen." ▼

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Legally Married After All These Years

By Christine Allen
MGW Guest Writer

Ann and I have been lovers, life partners and co-parents for 18 1/2 years. Four of our kids are now grown; our last teenager is still here at home. We have two grandchildren and a third on the way. We have witnessed our two sons' weddings but we, ourselves, have not been able to legally marry.

Ann has wanted to have a ceremony recognizing our relationship since we first got together. I was disturbed by the civil rights issue, the fact that we did not have the choice, the right, to marry legally. We have to pay more money and fill out more paperwork to gain benefits that even remotely resemble the benefits offered to married couples. Many folks suffer under the delusion that Domestic Partner benefits are similar to health care benefits that married folks have. They are not. When a gay person utilizes Domestic Partner benefits, those benefits are considered earned income at the end of the year and you pay taxes on them.

Several years ago Ann and I did register with the State of California as Domestic Partners.

The experience was similar to getting a dog license. We filled out the papers, they took our money and that was that. Ann ended up in tears.

While I was out of town last weekend, Ann received a call on Valentine's Day from our friend Debra telling her about the marriages taking place in San Francisco. Ann got very excited and immediately called and left a message saying, "Let's meet in Alameda and go to San Francisco and get married!"

We managed to meet in Alameda on Sunday morning, and took BART over to San Francisco.

When we got there the atmosphere was electric. There was so much happiness and excitement in the air. The only protesters were a quiet group of Muslims, and they were just standing up for what they believe in. They were not being ugly and hate-filled; there were no threats or taunts, no screaming.

There was wild cheering for each couple who walked out of City Hall as they stopped and flashed their marriage certificate.

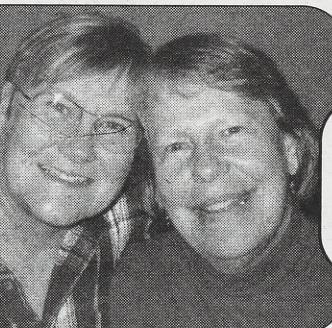
There were TV cameras and photographers everywhere.

We discovered that folks were lining up along Polk St. to get married on Monday, so we decided to go for it and got in line. There was another line of thousands of people over on Van Ness. Finally city staff came out and explained to us what they were going to do and how, and that we were in the right place to get married on Monday. They were very friendly and helpful and made a point of going up and down the line answering questions and reassuring people.

Couple by couple the line grew. Down the street, around the block. Between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. we grew pretty quiet. It was so cold and so wet and windy and we were all so tired. Many of us there were older folks and the storm and long hours were hard on our bones.

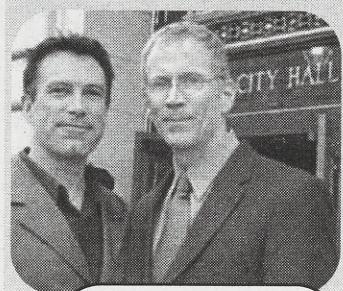
During the night people streamed by, giving us their love and support. Folks came by every fifteen minutes throughout the night with coffee, hot tea, bottled water, pizza, donuts, cookies, flowers, candy, fruit, hot chocolate. Gay and straight people, straight couples with their children served us tea at two a.m. The garbage men drove through on their way to work and honked and waved. It was the most amazing mass outpouring of love and goodwill that I have ever experienced.

The city staff and community volunteers did an incredible job of taking thousands of people and creating an organized process out of it all. The staff worked long, overtime hours and all weekend without pay or comp time - they just wanted to be a part of it. I have never seen so

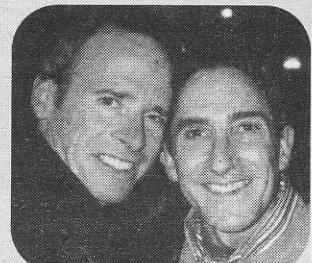


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The Other Wine Country

By Cassandra Davis
MGW Editor

Thirty minutes south of Sacramento lies a unique appellation, a place where the rich soil and sediments from the Delta balance an ocean breeze and an inland climate, creating the perfect conditions for growing wine grapes—or anything else, for that matter. This place is known as Lodi, where the locals brag that they could “plant a toothpick and grow a tree.”

Lodi is just beginning to emerge as a popular wine destination, though it consistently produces more wine than Napa and Sonoma combined. The new wine center and a number of new winery openings play no small part in this growth.

Not to mention the virtual absence of glass and corkage fees at the wineries dotting the Lodi Wine Trail, and the lack of tourists that flock to Napa or Sonoma.

At the new center, one can taste a sampling of the 150 or so labels carrying the Lodi name. Ravenswood, Kenwood, J.Lohr, and

Stevenot are just a few of the more notable Lodi labels, and they are joined in the tasting room by selections from over forty local boutique wineries, including Lucas, Jewel, St. Amant, Jessie's Grove, Peirano, Spenker, Michael-David, Olde Lockeford Winery and VanRuitent-Taylor.

Like many, I started my visit at the Wine Center, learning about Lodi's unique growing climate and dedication to the environment driven by local growers, who initiated a program as early as 1991 to reduce the use of synthetic chemicals in grape production. Today the program involves hundreds of growers farming nearly 80,000 acres of grapes.

Data and statistics floating through my head, I moved on to the tasting bar, where I discovered, among others, the **2002 Periano Estate Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc**. It boasted a ripe gooseberry flavor usually only found in New Zealand wines, coupled with a citrus tone and memories of spring and summer, making it a perfect pair for fresh vegetables, grilled chicken or fish, or watching the sun set over the river.

The **2001 Jessie's Grove Vinter's Choice Old Vine Zinfandel** had me humming “Jessie's Girl” at first, but quickly brought me back with its deep garnet nature, fruit overtones, and sweet herbs, all of which had me craving a nice pasta with a thick red sauce.

The playfully bottled **2001 Lodi Viognier Vino Con Brio** is a robust white wine, making it a fun but rare and interesting match



Flowers blooming around old root stock in Lodi. Soon, grapevines will line the Lodi roads.

for fresh bread and strong cheeses, or a nice cantaloupe.

Outside the Wine Center, I followed the trail to Lodi's biggest star, Woodbridge Winery, to see first-hand how they manage small scale-style winemaking at a national production level.

From the maze of barrels containing separate grower lots, to the ancient redwood vats that act as natural filters, to the giant bladder presses used to gently squeeze the juice from the grapes, there is the history of Woodbridge, encompassing the history of Lodi itself, and a rare sense of pride from every worker on the grounds.

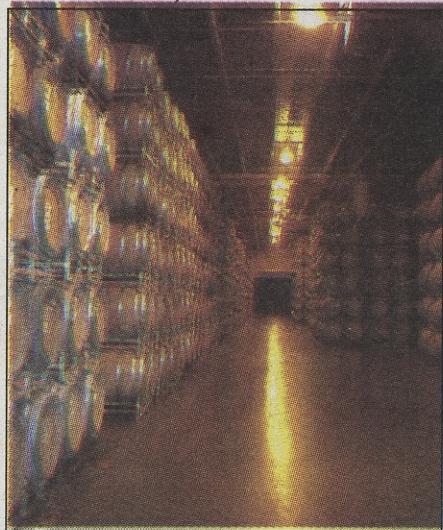
Especially interesting,

whether you are familiar with Woodbridge wines or not, are their small-lot wines, some of which are only sold in the tasting room, but all of which are progressively more distinctive, each with a richer palette than the last.

The **2001 Woodbridge Select Vineyard Series Ghost Oak Chardonnay** was surprisingly smooth, with light hints of citrus and summer, but a strong sense of misty oak, nicely reflecting the area it was drawn from, and pairing up wonderfully with turkey or game, or even as a cool splash on a summer day.

Regardless of your taste in wines, you are sure to find something to enjoy in Lodi. ▼

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The Valentine's Day Rally for Marriage Equality was a huge success. Over two thousand people, from all walks of life, turned out to support gay marriage.

The gathering saw a variety of people, from straight

Republicans to dedicated GLBT activists, all of whom turned out to protest discrimination and celebrate love.

The statewide rally, held on the Capitol steps, was organized by Marriage Equality California in order

to celebrate California's domestic partnerships, but also to demonstrate why anything less than full marriage fails to adequately protect same-sex couples and their children.

The rally also became a celebration and show of

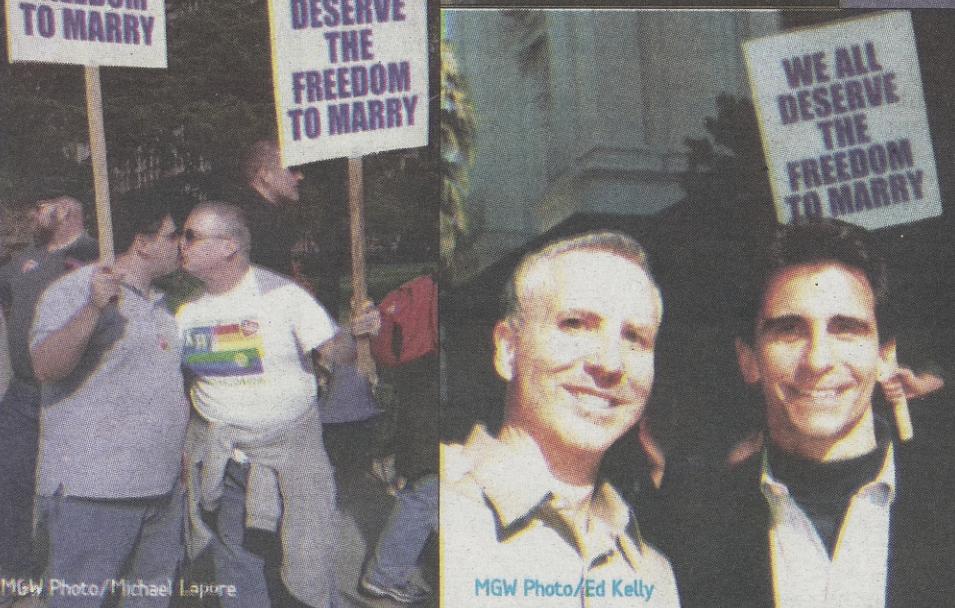
support for the marriages already underway in San Francisco.

Speakers included comedian Margaret Cho, Assembly Member Mark Leno, and Molly McKay of Marriage Equality. ▼

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The Sacramento Bee

State's first gay marriage license issued



S.F. officials begin issuing licenses for same-sex pairs

By Barbara A. Smaller
and Steve Wilson
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Scores of gay couples were issued marriage licenses here Thursday in a move the city officials said paved the way for immediate state recognition by gay marriage laws and laws of joy and celebration among the newly hitched.

Two days before Valentine's Day Mayor Gavin Newsom gave the go-ahead to those asked to accept marriage license applications from same-gender couples.

One afternoon earlier, the first same-gender couple to file for a license, Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, had been married for decades, said the

Associated Press

Massachusetts lawmakers' surprising vote on gay marriage reported ▶ Page A13

Just in a minute City Hall officially passed over by City Attorney Mark Tushnet.

Two other female couples and one male couple quickly followed, also getting married.

The word soon spread that the city was issuing licenses to gay pairs, prompting dozens of couples to flock to the Clerk's Office.

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(Top) Del Martin reads a story about Phyllis Lyon in an early issue of MGW. (Left) Phyllis and Del celebrate with their many friends at a spectacular reception in San Francisco, following their wedding. The couple has been together 51 years. It seems appropriate that their marriage was the first to be performed at City Hall.



Marriage Rites



The line stretched around the block as couples queued up to get married in San Francisco starting February 12th, 2003.

Mayor Gavin Newsom took the lead in this nationally debated topic by declaring the municipality

could perform same-sex marriages.

The move was quickly denounced by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and President George W. Bush. Attorney General Bill Lockyer petitioned the state Supreme Court to halt the marriages im-

mediately, but has been unsuccessful so far.

The marriages continue, with the number of marriages performed increasing daily in San Francisco.

On February 27, the mayor of New Paltz, NY followed suit, and began issuing licenses to same-

sex couples in his municipality.

However, officials in New Mexico were forced to cease marrying same-sex partners the same day they started, resulting in only a handful of licenses actually being issued.▼



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Entertainment

Dancing Between the Lines

By Maggie Bowen
MGW Staff

For over 20 years, Dale Scholl Dance/Art has brought its exciting and original brand of dance to Sacramento area audiences. The company's highly acclaimed repertoire features a creative blend of movement styles—from modern jazz to ballet and folk—performed at the highest professional caliber. Critics have hailed Dance/Art as one of Sacramento's "brightest stars" calling the company's work "powerful," "deeply moving" and "truly unique."

The 22nd season continues with *Between the Lines*, a unique blend of modern dance, storytelling and performance art. Two contemporary novels and three Edward Gorey short stories provide the inspiration and framework for new choreography by Dale Scholl, Joseph Candaleria and Paul Besaw.

Dale Scholl, Dance/Art's director, has created three new pieces for the program. The work combines playful choreography with eclectic musical selections to capture the essence of Gorey's enigmatic stories. The music chosen by Scholl ranges from a series of simple, compelling piano pieces by composer Dong II Sheen to Ravel's sensuous Bolero to a medley of Scott Joplin's rags.

Joseph Candaleria, choreographer and company dancer, has created a piece performed to a combination of traditional Japanese music and the compelling rhythms of Kodo. *Somewhat Damaged* is loosely inspired by Arthur S. Golden's bestseller *Memoirs of a Geisha*.

Guest choreographer Paul Besaw brings a quirky theatricality to his choreo-story *Veils on Wolfmother Wallpaper*, which is an abstraction of Tom Robbins' very funny, *Skinny Legs and All*. Musical styles ranging



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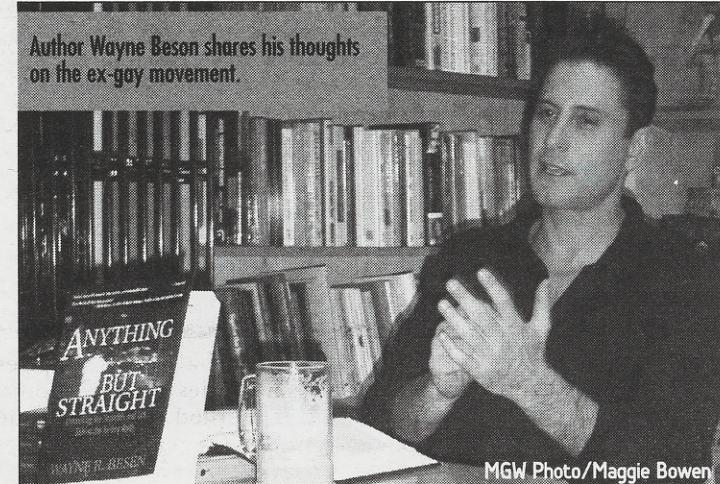
Entertainment Books

Anything But Straight Author at The Open Book

By Maggie Bowen
MGW Staff

On a grim, stormy night, a small but enthusiastic crowd greeted author Wayne Beson at the Open Book.

and having unprotected sex with them, even though Johnson himself was HIV positive. He was also filmed in a hot tub orgy.



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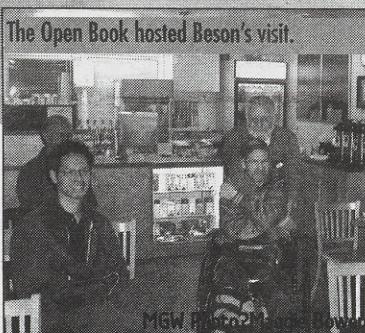
Beson's book, *Anything But Straight*, is an exposé of the ex-gay ministries—organizations, which teach that homosexuality is a choice that can be overcome by faith in Jesus, prayer, and behavior modification. Beson unmasks the leaders of these organizations, who claim to have changed their sexual orientation.

When John Paulk, the leading ex-gay spokesperson for Exodus, was seen in a popular Washington, D.C. gay bar, Beson, alerted by a co-worker, was able to get pictures of him. Later, Beson interviewed Paulk, who claimed that he was in the bar to "use the restroom," even though he had been there over an hour when Beson arrived. No one bought this excuse and Paulk has since lost his job as spokesperson for Exodus.

Beson also ousted Michael Johnson, Jerry Falwell's pet spokesperson, who was picking up young men on the internet

Beson has appeared on many major news programs and is a respected journalist in his own right, recently for the *Tallahassee Democrat*.

Beson battles the ex-gay organizations because his parents turned to the ex-gay ministries after he told them he was gay. Beson was exposed to the propaganda directly. He said, "They bilked my parents out of their hard-earned money when they



The Open Book hosted Beson's visit.
MGW Photo/Maggie Bowen

were scared and desperate." Beson said that he did not want to see that happen to others.

Beson says that continually unmasking these false leaders hits right-wing organizations where it really hurts—in the pocketbook.

When asked his thoughts on the gay marriage issue, Beson said, "The 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy brought about the first great wave of coming out. It had the opposite effect of what was expected by the Christian right and their propaganda was exposed by the reality that was unleashed. I expect a similar backlash against the move to prohibit gay marriage, in that it will cause the second great wave of coming out, which will further undermine right-wing propaganda."

Sadly, Beson's hour ended much too soon. He is a lively speaker who has written an interesting, engaging, highly readable book.

Stop by the Open Book at 910 21st Street and pick up a copy. Better yet, mark your calendar for the next Open Book event. Then prepare to be moved by timely topics and intelligent conversation.

As Beson put it, "The movement is about moving minds." ▼

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Golden Gate Classic

By Cameron Yee
MGW Staff

Another weekend, another bowling tournament, but this time a little closer to home. The Golden Gate Classic in San Francisco, one of the bigger bowling tournaments of the year. There were close to 350 bowlers (mostly from California, but also from Oregon, Washington, Illinois and Florida). There were even bowlers from Canada and Hong Kong. Eighteen people from Sacramento made the trip down I-80 over the Valentine's Day weekend.

As usual, the bowling events were divided into team (4 people per team), singles and doubles. These were



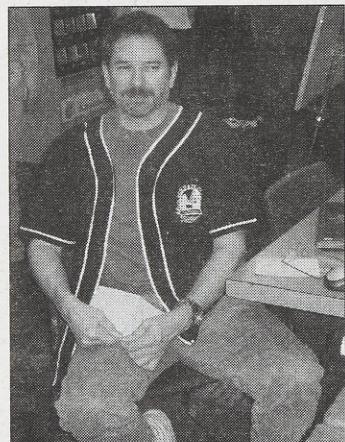
The Golden Gate Classic is one of the year's biggest bowling events

normal hustle and bustle of the city, there were also marriages galore, and on top of that it was International Bear Rendezvous weekend.

Several people from Sacramento did well in the tournament. The team made up of Tim Fegan, Barry Burks, Dave Sefton and Phil Blanton finished 4th (out of 84 teams). In singles, Barry Burks finished 2nd, Tim Fegan took 5th, Cameron Yee placed 8th, and came in 15th.

Doubles saw Barry Burks & Tim Fegan finish 6th, and Jayne Moore and

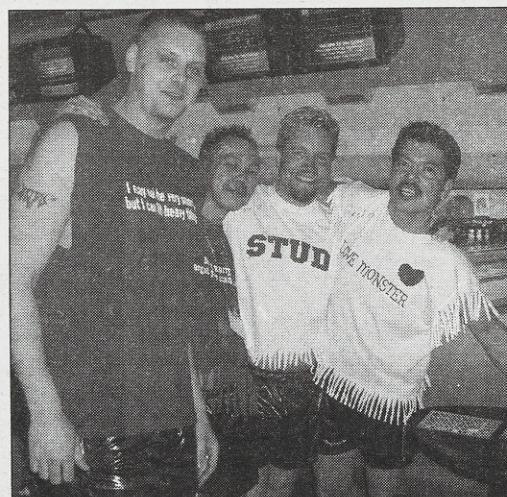
Bud Dolan came in a lucky 13th place. The first place award in each event was seven hundred dollars plus a tro-



Jim Cheslin get ready for his turn

on Friday and Saturday, with an optional event called Scratch Masters on Sunday.

It was a busy weekend in San Francisco. Aside from the



Cameron Yee and fellow bowlers

phy. Cash awards were given on a ratio of one for every seven entries.

As at most tournaments, while bowling is an excuse for people to show up, it is the chance to see friends (from tournaments past) and meet new friends that keeps us coming back, as well as the chance to get away for a weekend that really draws everyone together.

As always, do not forget the River City Bowlers are at Land Park Bowl on Sunday evenings at 6pm. There are still a few openings if anyone is interested in joining the league. ▼

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Storm Captures Vegas Cup

By Wendy Hill
MGW Guest Staff

The California Storm of the Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL) swept through last weekend's President's Day Silver Mug Invitational in Las Vegas. The Storm played 8 games in 3 days culminating with the Championship late Monday afternoon. The win was the Storm's eighth title in this tournament.

The Storm beat teams from Montana, San Diego, Seattle, Silicon Valley, Washington State, Colorado, Los Angeles, and Las Vegas. Sissi led the team scoring 7 goals and earning the tournament MVP award. The Storm's stellar defense led by Maureen

Whitney, Megan McAlpin, Christina Bell, Betsy Barr, and Lorrie Fair held the opposition to 3 goals in 8 games.

The California Storm is one of the over 20 teams in the National Women's Premier Soccer League (WP-SL). Their season runs from February to August. Based in Sacramento for 14 years, the Storm has won 3 National Championships and was undefeated last year in league play. The 7-year old WP-SL is the only national stand alone women's league and has made a commitment to advance women's soccer to the highest level. ▼

Info: www.wpsl.info

Capital City Hoopsters Week 9 Reviews

By Ray Garner
MGW Staff

Faces 64, Club 21 63

Faces, notoriously known for giving up leads, did just that against Club 21. Late in the game Club 21 surged back from a sizable deficit behind Bradley Tompkins (23 points, 14 rebounds, 4 assists) and Sean Miller (11 points, 15 rebounds, 5 assists, 10 blocked shots). A clutch three with seconds winding down tied the game at 63, but a ill-advised foul prevented a win for Club 21 here.

Robert Rainville added 9 points, 4 assists and 8 blocked shots for Club 21. Faces was led once again by Erickson Aquino (21 points) and Ian Garner (22 points), their "dynamic duo." Jerry High added 8 points and 5 rebounds to for Faces.

Hot Rods 46, Hamburger Mary's 34

Mary's "once thought to be a contender for a top three spot" returned to their early-season style of play and got trounced. Hot Rods, now regrouping after two losses in a row, looks to be ready for post-season play after this decisive victory.

Although Mary's lost big you have to tip your hat to Jeff Freitas. He had a remarkable night with 17 points and 16 re-

bounds. Paula Creamer added 8 points for Mary's. Hot Rods featured very balanced scoring with 3 people in double figures: Wes Wilkinson (13 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists), Jason Bryden (12 points, 7 steals, 6 rebounds, 2 assists) and Ray Garner (11 points, 5 steals, 4 rebounds, 2 assists).

Head Hunters 84, OutSac 36

In a game that was over by the end of the first half five of the five dressed players for Head Hunters scored in double figures: Alberto Leyva (22 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals), Kelley Moran (20 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists), Mark Jacobson (16 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists, 1 steal), Levi Brekke (14 points, 5 assists, 3 steals) and Kevin Foster (12 points, 7 rebounds, 2 blocked shots, 2 assists).

George Dillard and Scott Correll led OutSac with 19 and 10 points respectively. George also had 4 steals, 5 rebounds and 4 blocked shots and Scott had 2 steals, 8 rebounds, 3 assists and 1 blocked shot. With only one game remaining it is too late for OutSac to regroup. Perhaps their players will remember what took place this year and use it as motivation for next. ▼

Health + Wellness For Skin

Acne Myths: Debunked

By Deborah Frank
MGW Staff



As science becomes more and more savvy about what is good for our bodies, we as consumers have to remain educated and proactive when it comes to our own health-care. The information seems to become outdated almost as soon as we learn about it and begin to make lifestyle changes. The skincare industry is ever-changing, new methods for treatment, newer and better products—it's exciting! So, it is time to let go of outdated ways and be open to receiving new information. Taking care of our skin has come a long way baby—let's hang on tight and enjoy the ride. It is a great time to be alive, we have the capability to look better longer and to be healthier while doing so.

Acne is one of those words that people seem to think does not apply to them. By definition, if you have ever had a pimple, a zit, a blackhead, a whitehead or whatever you want to call it, you have experienced acne. Some people have had acne to a greater or lesser degree, but there is virtually no one who has NEVER had it. Right now though, I am addressing those who have had or do have currently what I refer to as "problem acne." In other words, you have it and it is a problem. It is that simple. You may be embarrassed by your skin and are tired of having to always cover it up. For those of you that have this condition—and you know who you are—you are no doubt doing what you feel are all the right things. But, you still have the problem and are sick and tired of it. Technically speaking there are four categories of acne. I am addressing the type that includes blackheads, whiteheads, bumps with or without pus and those caused by make up. I am not suggesting that people with cystic acne or very severe cases can be treated here. Self-help is probably not an option for you. You would be better off seeing a Dermatologist, if at all possible. But do note that proper skincare applies to all skin types and even severe acne cases will see some minor

improvement by using the tips I cover here.

So, assuming you are using a good cleanser that is specifically designed for your skin type, the following is a list of DO's to follow:

- Do follow cleansing with a PH balanced toner; apply while face is still wet from cleansing.
- Do use a moisturizer! This is a mistake many people with acne problems make. Do not confuse moisture with oil, they are two different things. Choose one with no oil (Dermalogica has an oil-free type that is great)
- Do use WARM water to wash your face, not hot. Hot water causes your face to produce more oil.
- Do use your hands or gentle sponge instead of a wash cloth or anything rough. Again, hard scrubbing stimulates the oil glands and causes more oil not less.
- Do drink 8-10 glasses of water daily. Skin requires moisture, when you don't give it what is required; it tries to make up for it by making oil!
- Do use a product containing alpha hydroxy acids or glycolic acid, but only if chosen properly by a profession-

al. If you have one or two blemishes, you can simply "spot treat" those areas. Acids can be very drying if over used, so less is more in this case.

• Do seek a treatment with a licensed esthetician, they can recommend the correct products for your skin type and it is very enjoyable to be pampered with a facial!

• Do keep your hands off your face. The less you touch your skin the better, as too much bacteria enters the skin this way.

• Do allow a professional to treat your breakouts. This means do not pick, squeeze or perform any kind of "home surgery". It will cause the bacteria beneath the skin to spread to other areas. One pimple will become four in no time.

• Do allow at least two weeks before abandoning any new skin care regimen. It takes time for your skin to adapt to new products, it won't happen overnight.

• Do not give up, follow these tips and test out skin care products. The perfect one for your skin could be right around the next corner!

• Do eat your fruits and vegetables and get plenty of exercise and fresh air.

Remember, your skin is an organ and is part of a system. Treating the entire body benefits the skin directly. ▼

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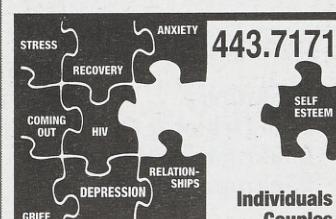
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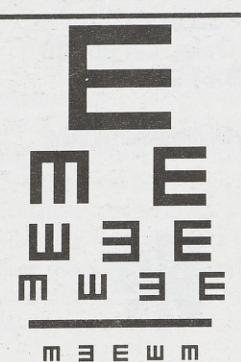
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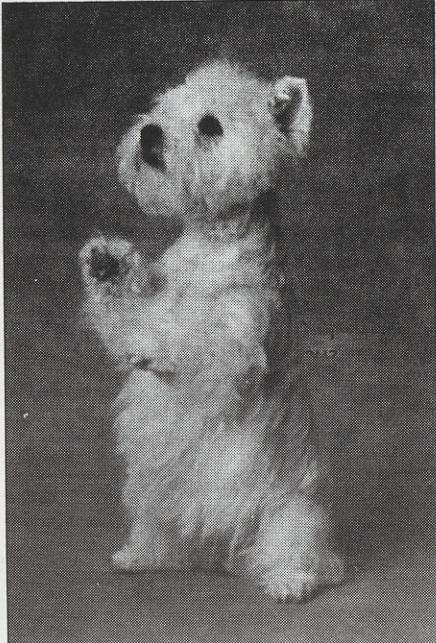
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Does your furry canine pal have what it takes to be a star? If so, dress up your dog, grab your basket and ruby slippers, then follow the yellow brick road to San Francisco and the Castro Theatre on Thursday, March 18. Once there, you can enjoy the Sing-A-Long Wizard of Oz, and on that night only, enter your precious pooch in the Toto Look-A-Like Contest.

The evening is hosted by SF/SPCA and PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support). Special guest judges are SF/SPCA President Daniel Crain and SF/SPCA Chief of

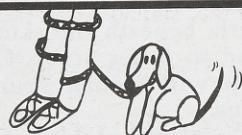


This talented Toto demonstrates his dance moves.

Staff and PAWS Executive Director John Lipp. Jan Wahl will host.

Canine contestants will be judged on furriness, congeniality and talent. Toto tutus are encouraged, but no swimsuits, please! Grand prize furnished by Best In Show. To enter call 415.863.0611.

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Dr. Segurson is a graduate of UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and worked for Pets Unlimited before starting a residency in the UC Davis Shelter Medicine/Behavioral Program.

Pets Unlimited is a non-profit organization founded in 1947 dedicated to providing shelter and adoption services, medical care and community education programs.

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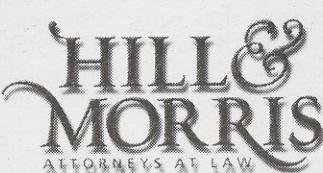
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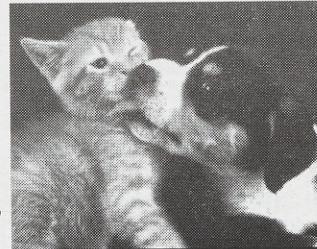
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"Helping those who can't help themselves"

On The HIV Front

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Democrats, activists urge Governor to spare ADAP funding caps...

Twenty-two California Democrats in the state's congressional delegation have sent a letter urging Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to reconsider proposed state budget cuts to HIV/AIDS programs, most especially the proposed enrollment cap to the state AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). The proposed plan to cap enrollment at the current level of 23,900 Californians with HIV disease would push an estimated 1,440 people annually onto a waiting list.

"Individuals who are denied treatment and placed on a waiting list for services will undoubtedly turn to our already strained public health system for care as they struggle to cope with opportunistic infections..." the members of Congress wrote in the letter. Citing budget difficulties, at least 16 other states have capped ADAP enrollment, placed restrictions on the program, or made cuts to the drug formulary. Seven additional states are considering similar cuts.

Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and other statewide activists invite all citizens to rally at the Capitol on Mon, March 8, 10:00 a.m. to protest the proposed cap and waiting list. Numerous Sacramento folks plan to gather in CARES parking lot at 9:00 (pastries & coffee will be served) and march together to the Capitol. Bring signs, flags, etc., if you wish. For more details, call Azizza at CARES (914-6333) or Arturo (457-2514).

Heart-to-Heart meeting, March 16...

Join others with HIV at CARES (1500-21st St, 1st floor boardroom) for their next Heart-to-Heart meeting, Tues, March 16, at 6:30 for their session with an attorney on legal concerns (wills, estates, living trusts, durable power of attorney for health and finances).

Medical marijuana store opens in Roseville..

Capitol Compassionate Care has opened in historic Roseville, providing medical pot

to those with authorization from their physicians for the drug. Marijuana has been shown to increase poor appetite, alleviate nausea caused by chemotherapy or other prescribed treatment medications, or decrease shooting nerve-sensitivity pains and neuropathy that are side effects of some treatment meds. The location may be more convenient than the Oakland stores.

But a Drug Enforcement official in San Francisco indicates it may not be open for long, if it's up to them. "They should not be surprised if one day we show up with a warrant at their door," he said.

While California voters have approved the logic of providing pot to folks for medical necessity, Federal officials continue to spend their time pursuing Californians who need it while undergoing medical treatment because Federal law says that marijuana is illegal and takes precedence over state laws.

Those who use medical pot should bear this in mind in situations such as air travel or other trips. Taking pot aboard a plane, out of state, or across the border shifts the situation into Federal jurisdiction, and out from under the ambiguously protective umbrella of California's compassionate use law.

Prices in the Roseville store range from about \$200 to over \$300 per ounce. Some varieties, says store owner Richard Marino, are uplifting while others are more sedative in nature. The store is currently open from 10 am to 8 pm, located on Lincoln Street.

Health officials in L.A. try e-mail for partner notification...

In a pilot program, Los Angeles county is using e-mail to notify the sex partners of people with sexually transmitted diseases so they can be tested. The only other agency to use e-mail in this way is San Francisco's Health Department, says the Centers for Disease Control, which has recently released a study on the L.A. project. Using e-mail has been a helpful alternative for people who meet on the Internet and have anonymous sex partners and often engage in risky behavior, they say. Tracking STD cases among people who meet in chat rooms is difficult,

and health officials often do not have full names, addresses, or other information to use for partner notification.

Over the last two years, L.A. reported that nearly a quarter of 759 gay and bisexual men in their study with syphilis had used the Internet to meet sex partners. In one instance, a man diagnosed with syphilis in 2002 said he had 134 male sex partners in a six-month period. Using e-mail addresses to contact 111 of the partners, county officials alerted them that they may have been exposed to an STD. A quarter of those people contacted the health department to make arrangements with health officials to be tested.

Those who continue to have unprotected sex should bear in mind that many people are not forthcoming with health information that should be shared with sex partners. Protect yourself every time with every partner.

New drugs look promising...

Twenty medicines are currently available in the U.S. to treat HIV infection. More are needed, however, because one-third to one-half of people with HIV are still unable to attain the goal of stopping viral growth using existing anti-retrovirals.

Among notable new drugs in development are (1) Pharmasset's Reverset, an NRTI that can be taken orally once and works on HIV that has evolved resistance to AZT, 3TC (lamivudine) and other medicines; (2) Schering D blocks the CCR5 receptor on human cells, blocking HIV from entry to the cell; (3) Bristol-Myers Squibb's BMS-488043 prevents a structure on HIV's surface — gp120 — from attaching to the human cell's CD4 receptor; and (4) two compounds made in British Columbia which have yet to be tested in humans but have blocked receptors in lab tests when used together.

Some have been given approval for limited testing in humans. Others are at various steps in the research and development cycle.

Bush announces details of global AIDS plan...

The Bush administration revealed details of its promised \$15 billion global HIV/AIDS

program, which includes \$350 million in grants to religious and humanitarian groups. Over a five-year period, the program will seek to provide treatment to 2 million HIV-infected persons, prevent 7 million additional infections, and provide care to 10 million people with AIDS or HIV and to AIDS orphans. The plan gives \$9 billion to 12 countries in Africa, two in the Caribbean, and one nation still to be identified.

The strategy relies heavily on encouraging abstinence, fidelity and condom use. In addition, it seeks to provide anti-retrovirals, develop sustainable health care networks, encourage HIV testing, and fight stigma and denial. AIDS advocacy groups quickly criticized the plan for failing to include strategically important countries like Russia and China.

Activists accused the administration of ignoring analysis by its own experts, which predicts that Asia's HIV burden will surpass that of sub-Saharan Africa in the next 5-6 years. AIDS groups also said the strategy does too little to fight tuberculosis, which is now the biggest killer of HIV-infected people worldwide — those in poor countries are 800 times more likely to develop active TB.

Alarm at Alberta University — 1 in 4 students have an STD...

Readful," say officials at the University of Alberta at the news that 25 percent of students currently has a sexually transmitted disease. "It's very significant." The most common STDs are genital warts, herpes, chlamydia and gonorrhea, they said. Their concern is spurred by the fact that "other STDs often mark an increase in HIV, and that's the really frightening part of that." These numbers tell us we've "got a sexually active population that is not exactly engaging in safe sex." Overall throughout Alberta, health reports estimate that roughly 10 percent of the population has an STD.

One health official said a particularly disturbing trend is students who think they are abstinent, but really are not. "You've got kids who are having oral sex, consider themselves abstinent, and they're getting STDs. But they don't get checked for it because [they believe] they're not having sex." ▼

In Loving Memory of Friends Lost in March

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AUDITIONS FOR THE MUSIC CIRCUS – SINGERS & ACTORS, 6pm, Wells Fargo Pavilion, 1419 H St., Call 448-1239, 10am-2pm, Mar. 1-4, Or 8-11, to schedule appointment.

17 WEDNESDAY

FRIENDS OF THE CSUS LIBRARY BOOK SALE, 10am – 3pm, University Library Lower Level, 278-5154

FIRST STAGES, HIV SUPPORT GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, Room D, 442-0185

NOW MEETING, 5pm, North Hall, UCD, hbhodge@ucdavis.edu

18 THURSDAY

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BETWEEN THE LINES, Dale School Dance Art, 8pm, CSUS Dancespace, Solano Hall

CRAZY FOR YOU, 8pm, CSUS Playwright's Theatre, Shasta Hall, 278-4323

SACRAMENTO ZOO – WILDLIFE STAGE SHOW, 11am, 264-5888, saczoo.com

19 FRIDAY

BETWEEN THE LINES, Dale School Dance Art, 8pm, CSUS Dancespace, Solano Hall

CRAZY FOR YOU, 8pm, CSUS Playwright's Theatre, Shasta Hall, 278-4323

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CRAZY FOR YOU, 8pm, CSUS Playwright's Theatre, Shasta Hall, 278-4323

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21 SUNDAY

CRAZY FOR YOU, 2pm, CSUS Playwright's Theatre, Shasta Hall, 278-4323

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 6 – 7:30pm, Lambda Center, 442-0185

SACRAMENTO ZOO – WILDLIFE STAGE SHOW, 11am, 264-5888, saczoo.com

22 MONDAY

SACRAMENTO OCD SUPPORT GROUP, Guest Speaker, Dr. Robert Zazio, 7 – 9pm, 7700 Folsom Blvd., 456-1996

WOMEN TAKE BACK THE NIGHT PLANNING MEETING, 12-1pm, MU, Moss Hall, UCD, 530-752-3299

MATH CAFÉ: 8:15-10:15pm, 114 North Hall, UCD, tacomer@ucdavis.edu

NAPA VALLEY SYMPHONY CELLIST ZUILL BAILY, 3pm, Napa Valley Opera House, 707-226-8742

NAPA VALLEY SYMPHONY FAMILY CONCERT, 3pm, Napa Valley Opera House, 707-226-8742

SACRAMENTO SIRENS, versus Redding Rage at Capitol Christian HS, www.sacramentosirens.com

AUDITIONS FOR THE MUSIC CIRCUS – DANCERS, 19:30am, 6009 Folsom Blvd.

23 TUESDAY

CRAZY FOR YOU, 2pm, CSUS Playwright's Theatre, Shasta Hall, 278-4323

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24 WEDNESDAY

NOW MEETING, 5pm, North Hall, UCD, hbhodge@ucdavis.edu

CAPITAL STEPS-POLITICAL SATIRE, 7pm, Crest Theatre, 488-1122, ext 415

SUBMITTING CALENDAR ITEMS

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25 THURSDAY

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, An Evening with Jennifer James, 5:30pm, 920-5669

BETWEEN THE LINES, Dale Scholl Dance Art, 8pm, CSUS Dancespace, Solano Hall

CARES BEREAVEMENT POETRY GROUP MEETING, 7pm, at CARES 455-8141

BEETHOVEN'S 9TH, SACRAMENTO COLD COUNTRY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, 7:30pm, Jackson Hall, Mondavi Center, 530-754-4435

26 FRIDAY

BETWEEN THE LINES, Dale Scholl Dance Art, 8pm, CSUS Dancespace, Solano Hall

SACRAMENTO ZOO – WILDLIFE STAGE SHOW, 11am, 264-5888, saczoo.com

THE COUNT BASIE ORCHESTRA, 7pm, Folsom High School, 985-4458

DYKES OUT TOGETHER, 6-8pm, Wine Tasting, jcross@daviscoop.com or shelly@dcn.org

DYKES OUT TOGETHER, 7pm, Book Group, 451-7191

27 SATURDAY

BETWEEN THE LINES, Dale Scholl Dance Art, 8pm, CSUS Dancespace, Solano Hall

SACRAMENTO ZOO – WILDLIFE STAGE SHOW, 11am, 264-5888, saczoo.com

28 SUNDAY

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 6 – 7:30pm, Lambda Center, 442-0185

MASTER EVENTS CALENDAR

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In Memoriam: Michael Allen Ward

The GLBT community is sadder today because of the passing of Mike Ward, 51, on February 21, 2004.

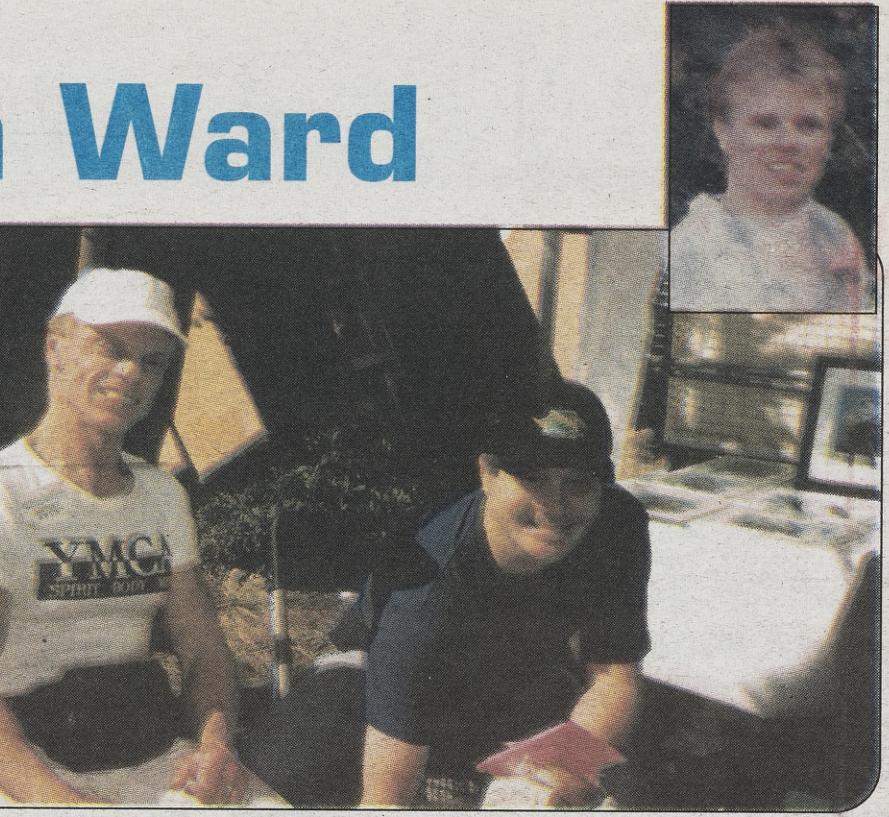
Mike leaves behind a rich legacy of involvement. Born in Pittsburg, CA, Mike attended San Jose State University where he earned a BA in advertising. He worked for the South Lake Tahoe Daily Tribune before moving to Sacramento 20 years ago. Since that time Mike has worked in advertising sales for the Sacramento Bee, where he

was a top salesperson. He has been an invaluable resource for training sales people for MGW.

Mike had a deep and abiding passion for photography. In addition to his own business, MAW Photography, Mike did photo assignments and photo essays for MGW for several years. He was an invaluable treasure to the paper, which depended on his keen eye for candid photos. His unique focus was on portraits, nature, flowers, and ocean and beach scenery.

Mike was also an avid bodybuilder. He was an early competitor in the gay games and won gold medals for his participation. He was the owner of Fitness Connection for 11 years and won several bodybuilding awards.

Mike enjoyed working as a volunteer for the UC Davis Hospice program and was a licensed hospice caregiver. His other interests included world travel, his dogs,

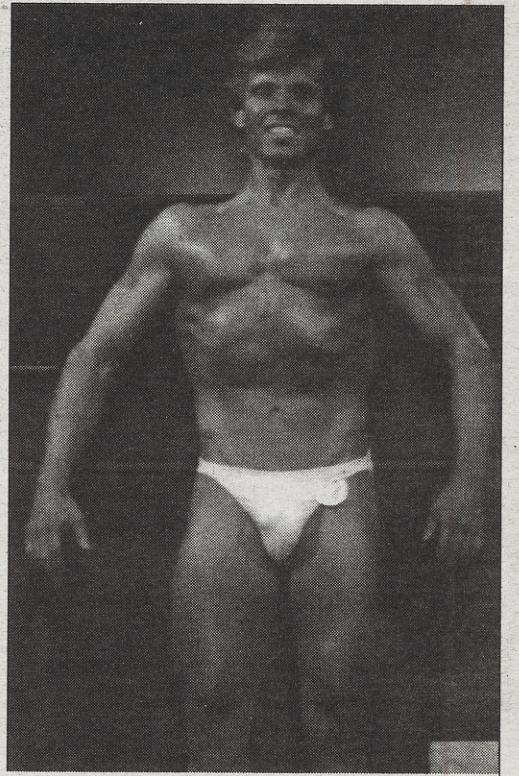


Artist/photographer Mike Ward with his partner Mark Richmond at the Annual Broadway Art Festival across from Tower.

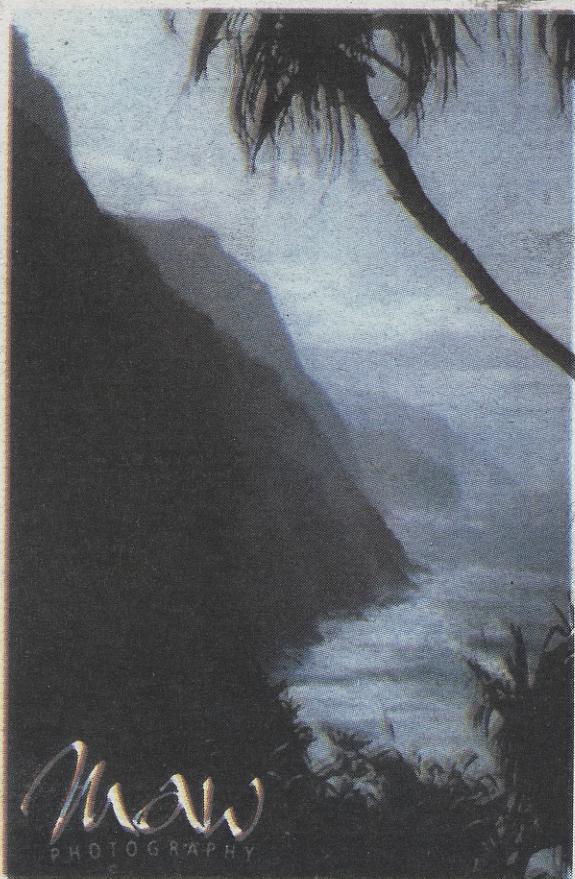
Chacho and Daisy, Qigong and multicultural events.

Mike is survived by loving longtime companion, Mark Richmond, his beloved daughter Kendall Tobe (age 21). He is the cherished son of Martha & Woodrow Ward, Sr. He is also survived by his dear brothers Woodrow Ward, Jr. & Tom Ward, his sister-in-law Susie Ward, and niece & nephew Nikki and Christopher Ward.

Mike absolutely loved life. He was always busy and involved in numerous activities. He was fun, generous, artistic and had a great sense of humor. He will be missed by all who knew him. ▼



Mike in his bodybuilding heyday.



Scenes from Mike's many wonderful photographs.

